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SUBJECT: CHAIRMANSHIP OF IGGI

REF: JAKARTA 7142.

1. WE NOTE CONCLUSION REFTTEL THAT DECISION SHIFT IGGI CHAIRMANSHIP PROBABLY ALREADY TAKEN. WE ALSO PERCEIVE GOOD REASONS FOR STAYING OUT OF EMOTIONAL INDONESIAN/DUTCH QUARREL. BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE OF IGGI AND INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, WE WONDER IF WE SHOULD NOT IN LOW KEY LET GOI LEADERS KNOW THAT WE ARE CONCERNED AND THAT WE THINK THIS IS POOR TIME TO TINKER WITH IGGI STRUCTURE.

2. WHILE LAST IGGI MEETING WAS SUCCESS FROM INDONESIAN POINT OF VIEW, IN THAT GOI AID REQUEST WAS AGAIN ENDORSED, IT WAS ALSO QUITE CLEAR THAT FUTURE AID AND IGGI PARTICIPATION WILL BE VERY CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED AND QUESTIONED BY NUMBER MAJOR DONORS. ENERGY PROBLEMS, PROMISED COMPLETE IBRD REVIEW OF INDONESIAN AID NEEDS, PROPOSED IGGI EXAMINATION

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NATION OF PERTAMINA OPERATIONS, AND QUESTION OF HOW TO

HANDLE LESS CONCESSIONAL LOANS IN IGGI CONTEXT SHOULD PROVIDE QUITE ENOUGH DIFFICULTIES FOR IGGI IN COMING YEAR WITHOUT INJECTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE. WE FEAR THAT ATTEMPT CHANGE CHAIRMANSHIP, WITH RECRIMINATIONS LIKELY ACCOMPANY IT, AT THIS TIME OF DELICATE TRANSITION COULD

RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN DONOR CONFIDENCE AND CORRESPONDING FALLING OFF OF EFFECTIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

3. IN ANY EVENT NEXT IGGI MEETING IS ALMOST A YEAR AWAY SO THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM. SUGGEST YOU TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TELL WIDJOJO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOI LEADERS THAT WE THINK THEY SHOULD BE IN NO HURRY MAKE DECISION ON CHAIRMANSHIP IN LIGHT ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS. SISCO

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